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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GREEK-TURKISH AEGEAN DISPUTE

1. IN LONG CONVERSATION ON AEGEAN SITUATION JUNE 27 IN WHICH

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MUCH OLD GROUND PLOUGHED AGAIN, MFA DIRGEN POLAFFS SOYSAL

TOLD DCM THAT, CONTRARY TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, GOT HAD NOT FORMALLY PROTESTED TO GOG ON CURRENT GREEK NAVAL EXERCISES IN AEGEAN OFF IZMIR. HE SAID HE HAD JUST FINISHED TALK ON SUBJECT WITH GREEK CHARGE HERE AND HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT RELIEVED TO HAVE LATTER TELL HIM GREECE DID NOT WISH TO "PROHIBIT" THE AREA TO ALL SHIPPING BUT MERELY TO "INFORM" ALL VESSELS OF NAVAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES GOING ON THERE.

2. SOYSAL ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO COMPLAIN MILDLY ABOUT JUNE 24 CEREMONY ON GREEK ISLAND OF PSARA WHEN, HE SAID, GREEK NAVAL C-IN-C AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAD MADE UNFORTUNATE STATEMENTS LINKING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE WITH CURRENT AEGEAN SITUATION.

3. INRESPONSE DCM'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT GREEK AND TURKISH MILITARY HAD BEEN IN COMMUNICATION ON THE AEGEAN, SOYSAL READ LETTERS OF GREEK CHIEF OF STAFF BONANOS (JUNE 7) AND REPLY BY TGS (JUNE 23). THRUST OF GREEK LETTER WAS THAT AEGEAN WAS IMPORTANT TO GREECE; CIVILIAN AIR AND SEA TRAFFIC WERE HEAVY IN IT; FISHING AND TOURISM LUCRATIVE; GREECE HAD TO DO MILITARY EXERCISES THERE TOMAINTAIN ABILITY DEFEND AGAINST COMMUNIST THREAT: GREEKS WERE HAPPY ISSUE NOTAM FOR TURKISH NAVAL EXERCISE, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER TOO MANY TURKISH EXERCISES WERE DISRUPTIVE. TURK REPLY AGREED WITH EVERYTHING (EXCEPT LAST); CLAIMED SAME SET OF INTERESTS; AND SAID COOPERATION AND EQUITABLE ARRANGEMENT AND EVERYTHING DONE "IN FRIENDLY SPIRIT" WAS ONLY SOUND APPROACH TO "SPECIALLY PECULIAR" AEGEAN SITUATION.

4. SOYSAL ALSO SAID OTTAWA MEETING BETWEEN GUNES AND TETENES HAD GONE WELL, BUT HE WAS "NOT SO OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT BRUSSELS MEETING TURKISH AND GREEK PM'S: "I THINK ANDROUTSOPOULOS HAS ONCE AGAIN TAKEN POSITION THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT. IT IS GOING TO TAKE A LONG TIME TO CONVINCE THEM WE MEAN BUSINESS."

5. FINALLY, SOYSAL MENTIONED THAT TURKISH PETROLEUM OFFICE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES INC. (ANKARA 4979) SEEMED TO BE GOING ALL RIGHT FOR THE TIME BEING. "WE WILL SEE ABOUT THE AEGEAN AFTER THEY HAVE FINISHED WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL

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